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Torrance, California
May 18, 1953

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an adjourned meeting of the adjourned regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Monday, May 18, 1953, at 5:30 p.m., Mayor Schwab presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
 COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

Councilman Benstead led the salute to our Flag.

Mayor Schwab announced this meeting was called to take action on TRACT NO. 19108.

City Clerk Bartlett read the following communication from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick:

"During the weekend of May 16th we held a couple of meetings with the property owners living on the easterly side of undedicated Earl Street, at which we were trying to work out a solution for the difficulty that has arisen on the layout of proposed Tract No. 19108. At a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on May 17th, Councilman Drale and Benstead and Mayor Schwab were present, together with myself and residents along Earl Street.

"It was decided that the subdivider would grant an easement to the City of Torrance for ten feet (10') along the rear of the lots from Lot 181 southerly to 230th Street, and that the residents living in this vicinity will grant additional right of way to allow for the construction of a twenty foot (20') paved roadbed, thereby allowing circulation from the street designated as 228th Street on Tract Map 19108 to 230th Street.

"I discussed this proposition with the subdivider's representatives, his attorney, and the attorney for the residents, and they all thought that this was a fair solution to this problem. To enable the subdivider in granting this 10 foot easement to not place his lots below the required 5000 square foot minimum, it is my thinking that the 228th Street right of way could be cut from a 54 foot width to a 40 foot width, so they may widen the lots south of 228th Street from 54 to 55 feet in width. This office will still require a 34 foot paving with 4 foot sidewalk on one side of the street to allow school children or pedestrians a decent place to walk, and the 34 feet would meet any future extension to the east.

"There are two Edison pole lines to be moved for this construction and I have discussed this with Mr. Judy of the Edison Company. He informs me that because the City is contemplating this construction there would be no charge whatsoever for the moving of these poles.

"At this time I do not see how we can possibly grade this proposed Earl Street to drain without making an excessive cut at the southerly end, but it will be necessary that I obtain elevations along this line to determine what grade we can have and if it can be drained. The residents along Earl Street stated that they could obtain the right of way all the way to 230th Street on their side.

"I would like to recommend that TRACT MAP 19108 be approved with the stipulation that the subdivider grant this easement to the City of Torrance."

Councilman Drale suggested the 10 foot easement the subdivider is giving be extended all the way to Sepulveda for purposes of sewer easements or whatever the City wants.

Mr. Elsterman, the subdivider's representative, advised the Council that Tract No. 17132 is already recorded and it would be impossible to give an easement clear through to Sepulveda. He said the sewer situation is already taken care of there. He stated they would give the easement as recommended in Mr. Patrick's letter.

Mr. Armstrong, attorney for the property owners on Earl Street, stated he was in accord with the recommendation made by Mr. Patrick. However, he said it would be in the interest of his clients to have the Council make a record of the intention to pave the proposed street from approximately the north line of the Kilgore property south to 230th Street, so he could dispose of the pending litigation.

City Manager Stevens said there was still the matter of obtaining easements from the private property owners. He said the subdivider had agreed to give the 10 foot easement, and it has been indicated that the residents of Earl Street would give an easement, but there is a sizeable piece of property north of 230th Street that the owners have never indicated any desire to deed.

Attorney Armstrong said he understood it was the duty of the residents to give the easements - it was their responsibility.

City Manager Stevens said it was the obligation of the City, once these easements are obtained, to improve this road, however, this road will not drain - there will be a paved roadway in there.

Mr. Elsterman said they would not drain any water from their tract but a certain part of 228th Street will have to drain on the Earl Street property, however, it will only be the drainage that actually falls on the street.

Asst. to City Engineer Patrick said the residents on Earl Street understood this.

Councilman Spelman requested the subdivider submit a letter for the records agreeing to this easement. Mr. Elsterman agreed and said they would also give the City the easement tomorrow.

Mr. Elsterman advised that at the present time they are recording only to the center line of the proposed Lomita Boulevard, that they could give easements from 230th Street to Lomita Boulevard but they could not be recorded now.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of Asst. to City Engineer Patrick in approving TRACT NO. 19108, with the provision that a 10 foot sewer easement be granted from this Lot 181 to Sepulveda Boulevard, and that if possible a blanket easement be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale moved the City agree to pave a roadway along the easement, when these easements are obtained from the individual property owners and granted to the City. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Elsterman both expressed their appreciation to the Council for their manner in handling this matter.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2391

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND BARNETT, HOPEN
AND SMITH.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of
the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried
unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No.
2391. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unani-
mously by roll call vote of those present.

At 6:05 p.m., Councilman Spelman moved the meeting adjourn.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by those
present.



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE